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(b) whether the Government propose to adopt the Punjab model of agricultural-bias and middle schools ?

A --(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 41.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Rules for the determination of excepted and non-excepted temples.

*257 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any, and if so what, instructions to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board to enable it to determine within a reasonable time and without waiting for disputes and decisions of courts, which are excepted temples and which are not ?

A.—The question of simplifying the definition of 'excepted temple' in section 9 (5) of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926, is engaging attention, but no instructions in the matter have yet been issued by Government to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

Exemption of Vysia institutions from the provisions of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

*258 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government propose to exempt institutions managed by Vysias from the provisions of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act unconditionally or subject to conditions and if the latter, what conditions ?

A.—The Government have informed the Hindu Religious Endowments Board that they will be prepared on the application of the trustees concerned to consider a partial exemption of the Sri Kanyakaparameswari and Sri Nagareswara temples under the management of Vysyas, with due regard to the circumstances of each temple, from the operation of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government, whether the Government will extend the exemption, referred to in the answer to this question, on the basis of the cypres doctrine ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I cannot answer this question immediately, because I should like to have notice of it."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know in what connexion the Government conveyed this information to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board? Was it on the application of the trustees or was it on their own initiative ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"After my late Colleague Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar had met a deputation of gentlemen belonging to this community."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know how the Government proposes to exercise the statutory power vested in them of exemption, whether it is by previously informing the Religious Endowments Board that they will be

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prepared to consider certain cases recommended by them favourably, or whether they reserve their power until the recommendation of the Board is received and considered on its merits ?"

The hon. Dr P. SUBBARAYAN :—"If the Government feel that a good case has been made out by the people themselves, it is their duty to inform the Hindu Religious Endowments Board how they feel in the matter."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"Is it not a fact that the Government have already received some applications from the persons concerned to consider a wholesale exemption ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The hon. Member is correct in his assumption."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"May I know, Sir, why the Government say that they will be prepared to consider a partial exemption ? Does this exemption also include the levy of contribution payable to the Board ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"As this is a matter of administrative detail, I must ask for notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"In view of the answer given that application was made for total exemption from the operation of Hindu Religious Endowments Act by some trustees, may I know whether the temple will be exempted from interference of the Board on the doctrine of cypres ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"As I said, with regard to administrative details, if the hon. Members want to ask me supplementary questions, I must respectfully ask for notice."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"What is meant by 'partial exemption'?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Exemption from application of certain sections of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"May I know what those sections are ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Here again, it is a matter of detail, and I must ask for notice."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to lay on the table a statement on the matter, so that we need not wait till another meeting of the Council for this information ?"

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"May I know if this partial exemption also includes exemption from the levy of a contribution ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I believe the hon. Member is correct. But I would not vouch for the exactness of his assumption."

Amendments to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 259 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the proposals of the Religious Endowments Board for the amendment of Act II of 1927 have been considered ;